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IN CHANCERY OF NEW JERSEY.—In the matter of the Petition of Robert M. Hesling, Guardian of Alfred E. de Lave, a Lunatic, for the sale of Real Estate—an order for sale.

The sale of property in the above stated matter, is adjourned until

THURSDAY, 4th day of JUNE, at the same hour, on the tract of land first described in the advertisement thereof, bought of William Green by deed recorded in Book L. D. of Deeds, for Essex County, on page 175.

R. M. HESLING, Guardian.

May 7, 1874.

**SEALED PROPOSALS**

Will be received by the subscriber, until 7 o'clock P. M., May 8, 1874, for the working and grading of Union St. from Fairmount Ave. west to Mountain Ave.—about 6,000 cubic yards of dirt to be moved—according to plans and specifications to be seen at my residence in Montclair. The Town Committee of Montclair hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids, as they may deem best for the interest of the Township.

Signed, E. T. GOULD.

For the Town Committee of Montclair.

May 3

**MASTER'S SALE.**

IN CHANCERY OF NEW JERSEY

Between Abram S. Hewitt, Complainant and The Montclair Railway Company, and other Defendants. F. F. for sale of mortgaged premises.

The Sale under the above stated writ stands adjourned to Saturday, 24th May 1874, at P. M. at the Hotel, in Jersey City, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

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THE Subscribers, Commissioners appointed by the Orphan's Court of Essex County by an order of said Court made on the 30th day of March instant, will sell at Public Vendue to the highest bidder, on Tuesday the second day of June next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the premises, all those tracts or parcels of land situated in Bloomfield, the lot of Henry J. Davis, deceased. The first, being three lots situated on Vine Street and are respectively seventy-five, sixty-five and forty feet wide and one hundred and five feet deep, on the other line, one lot on the westerly line of Hickory Street, fifty feet wide and about one hundred feet deep, also two allers adjoining of ten feet wide, one lot on the westerly side of Hickory Street about fifty feet wide and about eighty feet deep, and also on the east side and adjoining the lot of Henry J. Davis, and running northerly about five hundred and four feet to land of Michael Hickey, easterly along his lot about seventy-two feet to Hickory Street, northerly along the same sixty-five feet to Vine Alley, thence southerly along the same two hundred and thirty-two feet to land now or formerly of D. C. Hayes, thence westerly along the same twenty feet to the said lot, south and place of beginning.

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### THE CZAR'S SEARCH FOR A BRIDE.

By BUCH EMMERSON.

Two hundred years ago, when St. Petersburg was still a swamp, Moscow was the capital of the Russian Empire. The founder of the former city, the great Peter, had not yet appeared to play his part upon the world's stage; the throne of the Czars was still occupied by his father Alexis.

There has been recorded of this wise and benevolent prince, a performance so rare and romantic, that it will perhaps be remembered when some of his more important but less singular deeds shall be forgotten. This exploit was the discovery and obtaining of a model wife and consort.

There is a story to the effect that he chose the future Empress from a sight of her shoe, it having indicated that the owner's foot was very small and finely formed; but Bowring, who was probably well qualified to decide upon the authenticity of the ancient records, is our authority for the following recital.

Alexius, knowing that as Czar of all the Russia, his requests were equivalent to commands, and that consequently he could not be aware of the private inclinations of those who felt bound to do his will, perceived that he was thus debarred from the pleasure and satisfaction which other men experienced in the attractions of courtship, and the certainty of inspiring love in a faithful breast. It would be difficult for the royal suitor to determine, whether the maiden whose hand he had asked in marriage favored his suit through love or fear, ambition, or a becoming obedience.

All these difficulties might be overcome by wooing and winning outside of his royal character, as a private and undistinguished individual; and thus he would not only be more sure if he succeeded that he had gained a heart for his own sake and by his own personal merits; but in such quiet and unostentatious intercourse with those among whom he mingled, there would be a wider opportunity for the study of character, and for acquaintance with those beauties of mind and spirit which, united to loveliness of person, were to form the flower of his bride.

THE TRAVELER INDOOR.

The royal Czebels was of a very fastidious taste, and when he had put his project into execution, and sallied forth in disguise, he found himself engaged in what seemed to be a fruitless pursuit. He gained, it is true, much practical and useful information concerning his subjects and the affairs of his kingdom at large; but the chief object of his quest seemed ever to hover at dim and unobtainable distance.

Unprejudiced in favor of rank and nobility, remembering that his own mother, the late Empress, had not come of gentle blood, he did not look among the higher classes for his ideal, but visited rather the middle classes in Moscow, or extended his inquiries into the regions lying at some distance from the wealth and culture of city life.

Now he passed for a trader, again for an herbalist. Here he appeared as a teacher, there as a learned man collecting ancient manuscripts, or a naturalist about to explore the salt mines of Astracan. Many unsuspecting families received as a guest the traveler of whose real identity they did not once dream; and many domestic scenes and homely incidents did he witness, that were the freshness of novelty to imperial eyes.

Months rolled by, and still none of all the fair forms and faces which he had seen, had left their impress upon the heart of this northern Ahasuerus. The ether of his fate had not yet gladdened his sight; but the achievement of his highest hopes was at hand when he least expected it.

A VISIT OF GRATITUDE.

Walking one morning on the banks of the Moskwa, his thoughts reverted to a certain learned gentleman in the city; and grateful for many services which this scholar had rendered to his sovereign in the past, Alexis resolved to express his appreciation of Matwof's useful and faithful services by honoring him with a call.

As if summoned by the subtle communication of a "brain wave," the very individual in the Czar's thoughts at this moment, made his appearance within a few minutes.

It happened that the very business just then engaging the attention of Matwof, was the visiting of a certain merchant to dine with him; it will, however, be readily understood that when greeted by the Czar, and apprised of the royal intention to visit his abode, provided it held no other guests, Matwof allowed the merchant to remain without an invitation, and gladly prepared to receive his high lord.

"But one thing," said the Emperor, "I must remain unknown, even to your wife, let me come unperceived as a merchant."

### A TRADER OF KASAN.

"A trader of Kasan, so please your Highness," asked the scholar, having in his mind the appearance of the guest whom his wife was expecting.

"Be it so," was the answer, "and take care to treat me as such only."

According to this understanding the Czar made his appearance at the dinner hour, habited in an appropriate costume. A loose coat of brown cloth was belted by a girdle of purple silk, and overhung long, wide trousers of orange colored cotton; and the royal feet were cased in boots of Kasan leather. On one side hung a silver-belted scimitar, and on the other a pouch of lynx skin with silver clasps.

The person and bearing of the supposed trader, were dignified and manly, and would have graced any society; his face, bearded face, and courteous words, were fitted to produce a very pleasant impression upon the ladies to whom the host presented him.

Contrary to his expectations and greatly to his delight, a beautiful young girl was the companion of Matwof's wife whom he knew to have been blessed only with sons. Matwof had casually mentioned that their ward was one of their household, but the Czar had imagined from his remark that she was but a little child.

AN AMUSING DILEMMA.

An amusing situation of affairs now threatened to cool the smoking viands placed upon the table, before the guest had tried their quality. Observing that but two plates had been laid, and rightly inferring that the ladies meant to stand aloof from the feast, he became so preoccupied in his request that they should seat themselves, that the hostess was obliged to explain that the platters upon the table were the only ones in the dwelling.

The remainder of her store had been lent to a neighbor, who was celebrating her daughter's wedding feast. Most of Madame Matwof's servants were also engaged at the feast, and only an old couple had stayed at home to prepare the dinner.

More entertained than he chose to express, the Czar determined still to carry his point, and insisted upon sharing his plate with the lovely Natalia, while he induced his hostess to make a like use of that of her husband.

Although he assured his gentle and bashful companion, that her presence imparted an additional relish to the food, the novelty of the situation appeared sensibly to affect the royal appetite. Never before, in all probability, had the Russian emperor experienced the sensation of dining from one side of a plate.

THE HEART SWALLOWS THE APPETITE.

His companion ate daintily enough, but he was still more abstemious, forgetting to do justice to the rye cakes and honey, and scarcely tasting the methuein and bologna.

In vain did the sedulous hostess heap his plate with dainties; her care was most courteously acknowledged, but the appetite of the stranger was in no way to be entrapped; his attention was thoroughly engrossed in another direction.

The unassuming and innocent cause of this remarkable interest and absorption, seemed every moment to grow more fascinating to the gentleman from Kasan.

The delicate and exquisite beauty of her feature, the sweetness and refinement of her expression, the graceful elegance of her form, lost nothing by such close proximity as was involved in the manner of eating the feast; and as the merchant listened to her modest and intelligent replies, and watched the quick play of thought in those expressive eyes, he felt the witchery of her charms exercising more and more power over him.

The conversation, also, of the worthy couple, opposite, was calculated to heighten his admiration. From them he learned of the mental attainments and the household accomplishments of the equally intellectual and industrious dame, who blushingly deprecated these praises, and accorded whatever merit there might be in her actions or character, to the wise instructions and noble example of her loving foster-parents.

In a day when reading and writing were rare acquisitions in Russia, especially among women, the Czar was both delighted and astonished to find in so youthful a personage as Natalia, so great a fondness for study, and so well trained and facile memory. Pondering deeply upon what he had seen and heard, he did not forget to assure Matwof, in leaving, that he would shortly repeat so agreeable a visit.

THE LOST SOUVENIR.

The image which Alexis carried in his mind during the succeeding days, was a very distinct and bright one, and none of the haughty dames of the Kremlin in simile, embroidery and lace, could compare for one moment with that figure of a quiet and humble maiden, dressed in the simple garb of her own country and class.

The costume of Natalia, though it did not add to her charms, could not hide them. The wide, full sleeves of her white linen robe, were drawn up at the shoulders

by strips of rose-colored silk, and through them gleamed the white beauty of her arms. The skirt of this outer robe fell over a chequered petticoat that hung but little below her knees and left unencumbered the delicate ankles and feet. Her blue stockings were topped with circles of rose-color, and her shoes of Kasan leather were tied with silk strips of the same shade. A silk handkerchief was folded across her neck, and three rows of glass beads with a silver image of St. Nicholas, hung upon her bosom. Upon her head was a black velvet cap, edged with a wreath of ivy and flowers, from beneath which crept the soft brown curls that shaded her forehead.

DEAD IN LOVE.

In this garb it was that Natalia presented herself to the imagination of her absent admirer, accustomed to the brilliant and jeweled robes of court ladies.

Madame Matwof and her fair ward had been very favorably impressed by the agreeable and intelligent merchant from Kasan; nor did they find reason to change their opinions upon better acquaintance. During the several weeks which now followed, he was a frequent and welcome visitor, whose increasingly marked attentions to the young girl, were received by her with a lovely embarrassment, most charming to her lover.

Fully convinced, at last, that his brightest expectations were realized, and that the character of Natalia would stand the test of a life-long union, the Czar was no longer delayed expressing his intentions, and made known to the overwhelmed Matwof, that he purposed raising her to the throne.

A TRYING ORdeal.

The foster-father of the young girl had not been blind to the Emperor's partiality, but was hardly prepared for so decided a step; and though anxious for the happiness and glory of his dear young friend, he begged the Czar to reserve his decision until all the lovely and the noble maidens of the empire had been gathered together at the capital. From them he requested that the emperor would select his consort, as his father before him had done, and if Natalia were still preferred above all the rest, he would gladly see her raised to the honors in store. "It is my duty," said Matwof, "first to consider the prospects of my most gracious lord. All Russia will be gratified to have the daughter of the land entitled to a chance for the most exalted distinction."

To this proposal Alexis assented; but requested first the privilege of a private interview with Natalia. It was not by his royal mandate, but by her own free will, that he wished to obtain her hand; and if, while still ignorant of his rank, her heart inclined towards him, he would be satisfied to make no further disclosure until he had carried out the plan proposed by Matwof.

MUTUAL ATTACHMENT.

The desired interview was highly satisfactory to the supposed merchant. Natalia confessed her love; and when her lover informed her of the royal proclamation, which he had heard was about to be issued, and expressed his great anxiety lest she should meet with the approval of the emperor, and be torn from her more humble lover, she assured him that her hand should never be given to other than the merchant of Kasan; and that she was willing to become his bride before the call to court, in order to spare him suspense.

All this uttered with such modest and timid grace as to transport the listener by the broken and scarcely audible words, but confirmed the Czar more strongly in his resolve that she who renounced for his sake, the chance for royalty, should be crowned with the very diadem which she had refused to seek. Few are the monarchs who have experienced, like Alexis, the delight of winning a heart by their private and unadorned words.

Natalia's lover parted from her with the promise that she should hear from him on the following day; but on the morrow, when the sounds of the proclamation